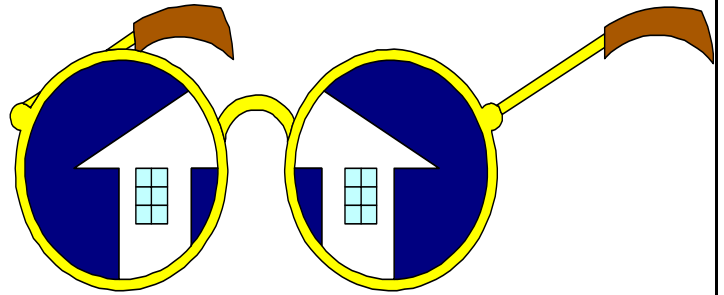


# Super Sentinel



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Neighborhood Watch Newsletter

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## Terri's Tidbits

This has been a very busy spring season for our Crime Prevention Unit. As usual, all of our winter visitors are busy having their spring meetings before leaving for their summer homes. In addition, this year we have been attending meetings that include information on Homeland Security since we are very much aware of the threat of terrorism. Our goal is to be aware of what is happening so that we can alert you, our neighborhood representatives, to any situations that would affect the safety of our citizens. Together we can work to make our homes and neighborhoods a safer place.

We have had a wonderful and, at times, overwhelming response to our Watch Your Car free steering wheel lock and VIN etching events for the citizens of Mesa. The event we held at the Central District SubStation in downtown Mesa was by far the largest gathering to-date with a total of 164 steering wheel locks given away and 123 vehicles had their VINs etched on their windows. At one time the line to the parking lot in front of the substation extended completely around the block!! Also, we have received another grant from the Arizona Automobile Theft Authority to purchase our own VIN etching equipment so we will be able to offer that service in conjunction with the Auto Theft Unit detectives even after all of the steering wheel locks are gone. Call me at 644-3692 for information on any future events.

If you missed our March Captains' meeting you missed meeting our new Commander, Dan Saban. I hope that each of you will plan to attend future meetings to have a chance to visit with him. He is very interested in the problems affecting our neighborhoods and is actively working with the patrol officers, CAT officers and bike officers in the Superstition District to find solutions. Commander Saban brings with him a wealth of experience and knowledge to help make your communities a safer environment in which to live, work and play. Working with Mesa Police Chief Donna, Commander Saban is very much into the "Community Policing" concept, which involves an active working partnership between the police and the citizens to help reduce criminal activity. The Neighborhood Watch program is a major component of that philosophy.

Also present at our Captains' meeting was Sgt. Mike Ivey and Ramona Moretta from the Special Investigations Division. Sgt. Ivey is the Gang Investigation supervisor and Ramona is the Police Investigator in charge of monitoring the Narcotics Hotline. They discussed what happens when a citizen calls the Narcotic Hotline, who gets the information, how the investigation gets started, what they do during the investigation and why it looks like nothing is happening to the citizen who called in the information. He explained undercover procedures and how long it takes to develop the needed evidence. Sgt. Ivey also commended the citizens from the 38th-39th Street Neighborhood Watch for their help in their undercover operations in that area.

I still need the e-mail addresses for all of the captains, co-captains or a representative for that neighborhood who has computer access. Just send me an e-mail at:

terri.teten@cityofmesa.org  
and I will put you on the list. Eventually, we will be sending our news letters and any other information we think might be of interest via e-mail to help save the cost of printing and postage.

Looking for brochures, attendance sheets, solicitation letters, etc.? Use this web address to find them:

[www.cityofmesa.org/police/literature/neighborhood\\_forms.asp](http://www.cityofmesa.org/police/literature/neighborhood_forms.asp)

Don't forget you can still call for these items if you do not have internet access. The number is 480-644-2300, option 5.

## Important Telephone Numbers



Terri Teten ..... 644-3692  
Superstition Neighborhood Watch  
Coordinator

### Emergency or Crime in Progress.... 911

(480)-

Community Relations Unit.....644-2300  
Community Relations FAX.....644-2800  
Police Non-Emergency.....644-2211  
Silent Witness.....1-800-343-TIPS  
Narcotics Hotline .....644-NARC  
Graffiti Hotline.....644-3083  
Gang Hotline.....644-4264  
Fraud Alert Hotline.....644-2345



## Preparing for the Unexpected

The following Government agencies have written pamphlets and brochures available that you may want to provide for your neighbors in your Neighborhood Watch. All are available on-line and can either be printed or the web-site link provided.

The American Red Cross has printed materials to help you, your families and neighbors prepare for events that you may not have anticipated or may happen unexpectedly. These events may be as dramatic as acts of terrorism or be as natural as weather emergencies. You may request single copies of their materials or download and print right from their website.

**American Red Cross:** [www.redcross.org](http://www.redcross.org)

American Red Cross materials dealing with terrorism and unexpected events:

[www.redcross.org/pubs/dspubs/termat.html](http://www.redcross.org/pubs/dspubs/termat.html)

American Red Cross Family Disaster Planning:

[www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/familyplan.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/beprepared/familyplan.html)

Terrorism— Preparing for the Unexpected

[www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/unexpected.html](http://www.redcross.org/services/disaster/keepsafe/unexpected.html)

**Federal Emergency Management Agency :** [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

FEMA Library contains publications: [www.fema.gov/library/](http://www.fema.gov/library/)

FEMA's "Are You Ready? A Guide to Citizen Preparedness"

[www.fema.gov/doc/areyouready/](http://www.fema.gov/doc/areyouready/)

**U.S. Department of Homeland Security:** [www.ready.gov/](http://www.ready.gov/)

"Make A Kit" of Emergency Supplies:

[www.ready.gov/make\\_a\\_kit.html](http://www.ready.gov/make_a_kit.html)

"Make A Plan" for what you will do in an emergency:

[www.ready.gov/make\\_a\\_plan.html](http://www.ready.gov/make_a_plan.html)

"Be Informed" about what might happen:

[www.ready.gov/get\\_informed.html](http://www.ready.gov/get_informed.html)

"Preparing Makes Sense. Get Ready Now." (1-800-BE-READY)

[www.ready.gov/readygov\\_brochurev2.pdf](http://www.ready.gov/readygov_brochurev2.pdf)

\*\*\*Colors for Homeland Advisory System:

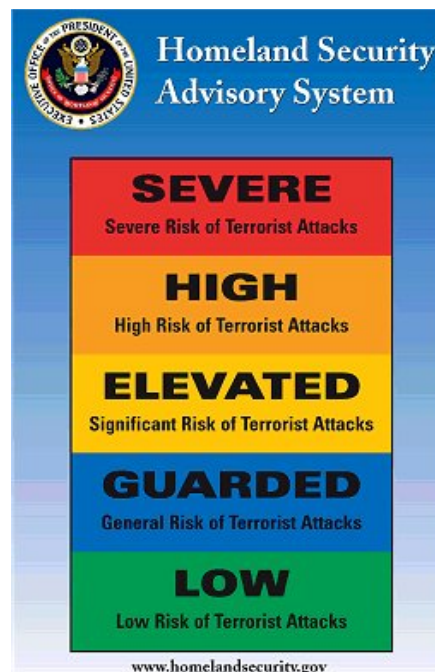
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High: Orange

Elevated: Yellow

Guarded: Blue

Low: Green



### Neighborhood Watch Captain's Meeting

**When:** Thursday, June 19, 2003

**Time:** 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm

**Where:** 7550 E. Adobe

Red Mountain Multigenerational Center

**Guest Speakers:**

**Darin Douglass—PD Communications**

**Jerry Quarles—Be Alert Preview**

Come meet your Superstition Staff and  
other Neighborhood Watch Captains

Snacks Provided

**RSVP—480-644-3692**

### G.A.I.N. 2003 Update

Mark your Calendars!!!

Tentatively, Saturday, October 4, 2003, will be the night of the annual G.A.I.N. event in Mesa. It is never too early to start planning, especially if you decide you want to do a "theme" party. For those who want to use a "theme" I have some of the originals of the party packets that were distributed last year.



The date and time of the G.A.I.N. Kick-Off will be announced in the August newsletter.



Commander Dan Saban

## "Finally"

"Finally," I'm starting to feel at home here at Superstition. It's been a hectic transition from my last assignment in the Public Safety Communications Division to my new home here with you. The chaos has come in the way of numerous budget meetings, manpower assessments, crime analysis, program evaluations, and



Cmdr. Dan Saban

general operational issues from overseeing a division of this size. I can tell you I have found some of the most dedicated and professional members of our entire Police Department are here at Superstition serving you. The members who are assigned to this station are very positive in their commitment to serve and go the extra mile to ensure quality customer service to all.

Our new Chief (Dennis Donna) is committed to enhancing the service we provide our community by auditing every program, procedure, policy, protocol, and process we currently utilize. This "look" at our selves has been very productive so far and has led to numerous process improvements and service enhancements already. Chief Donna is very supportive and appreciative of community partnerships such as the Neighborhood Watch program. These types of proactive programs will ensure a safe and stable quality of life for each of you.

I look forward to utilizing this newsletter to report/discuss a variety of things with you in the future. I can tell you I'm a "shoot from the hip" kind of guy and heaven only knows what I'll write about each time. Don't hesitate to make any "special" request to Terri if you have something you would like me to write about. Additionally, I will commit to you my availability (especially at your meetings) and a sincere willingness to serve in any manner I can.

I want to close by personally THANKING each of you for participating in such an incredible program and your desire to HELP us HELP you! Stay Safe!

## Safety Awareness Bulletin for Citizens

The **Arizona Department of Public Safety** has issued an Awareness Bulletin for Citizens that asks for the involvement of citizens in helping law enforcement protect life and property. Here is how you can assist Arizona law enforcement agencies in their goals of countering terrorism:

- ▶ Remain alert and be aware of every day activities in your neighborhood.
- ▶ Encourage the involvement of family, friends and neighbors.
- ▶ Assume responsibility; observe and report activities that appear out of place or unusual.

If you become aware of suspicious activity, please do not take direct action, confront the individual or reveal your suspicions.

Here's what you can do: Record as many details as possible, and notify the appropriate authorities as soon as possible.

√ Ask the following questions:

- WHO** did I observe?
- WHAT** specifically did I see?
- WHERE** did I observe the suspicious behavior?
- WHEN** did I observe the suspicious behavior?
- WHY** do I think the behavior is suspicious?

√ Follow these tips on describing the situation:

### Person:

- Sex
- Complexion (light, dark, ruddy, olive)
- Race
- Eyes (color, glasses)
- Age (approx)
- Peculiarities (scars, tattoos, missing limbs)
- Height (approx)
- Clothing (head to toe, style, color)
- Weight (approx)
- Weapon (if any)
- Build (medium, heavy, thin)
- Method of escape (direction, walking, driving)
- Hair (color, length, facial)

### Vehicle:

- License Plate (most important)
- Year, Make, Model
- Damage or anything unusual, such as logos, bumper stickers or tinted windows
- Body Type (2-door, van, SUV, etc)
- Passengers - number in vehicle

If you observe suspicious activity, please report it to the Mesa Police Department.

Thank you for your commitment to maintaining a safe community.



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### Calendar of Events — Summer 2003

- June 3 and 5** - RAD Self Defense Training for Women  
5:00 to 10:00 pm. Red Mountain Multigenerational Center (7552 E. Adobe)  
Prior registration through Mesa Parks & Recreation  
Call Terri at 644-3692 for details.
- June 17** - Be Alert Child Safety Program  
6:00 to 7:00 pm Main Library ( 64 E. 1st)  
**RSVP** Jerry Quarles 480-644-2539
- June 19**- Neighborhood Watch Captains Meeting  
6:30 to 8:30 pm Red Mountain Multigenerational Center (7552 E. Adobe)  
**RSVP** 644-3692 (Terri)
- July 15 and 17** - RAD Self Defense Training for Women  
5:00 to 10:00 :pm Red Mountain Multigenerational Center (7552 E. Adobe)  
Prior registration through Mesa Parks & Recreation  
Call Terri at 644-3692 for details.
- July 22** - Be Alert Child Safety Program  
6:00 to 7:00 pm Main Library ( 64 E. 1st)  
**RSVP** Jerry Quarles 480-644-2539